Legislative Proposal

Fee Increase

**Step 1** Fish and Game is asking the Legislature to increase most resident licenses, tags and fees between \$1 and \$6 starting in 2018.

**Step 2** The Fish and Game Commission will create a *Price Lock*, meaning Idahoans who consistently buy hunting, fishing and trapping licenses will not pay increased fees.

Idaho Fish & Game

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What are the advantages? An exemption from the fee increase so long as you maintain a valid annual license.

**Who is eligible?** Idahoans with a valid 2017 license. This includes annual hunting, fishing and trapping licenses, sportsman packages and valid three-year licenses.

**How long will it last?** The Fish and Game Price Lock would remain in effect for at least five years.

**Why?** Roughly 30% of total license buyers purchase every year. Over 60% of license buyers purchase intermittently. If just 10% of those intermittent buyers purchased a license every year, Fish and Game revenue would increase \$1 Million annually and Fish and Game could keep license prices low.

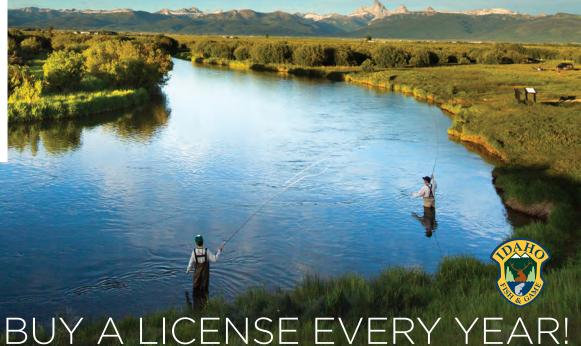
How would more Fish and Game revenue benefit sportsmen? Provide more access to hunting and fishing opportunities, raise and stock more fish, improve and enhance shooting range opportunities and conduct more surveys to improve monitoring of big game populations.

Why does Fish and Game need more revenue? Since the last resident fee increase in 2005, the agency's operational costs have increased over 22% due to inflation. Idaho Fish and Game doesn't receive any general tax revenue.

hen you buy your license, tags, and permits, you're investing in Idaho's fish and wildlife — making sure it is there the next time you go afield.



Hunting and fishing generates more than \$1 billion a year to Idaho's economy



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- Idahoans love to hunt and fish.
- In the last couple of years, 1 in 2 adults fished and 1 in 3 hunted.

But, not everybody hunts and fishes every year.

If more Idahoans purchased their licenses each year whether they use it or not, Fish and Game could keep license fees low.

That's why we're trying something new...

## If Price Lock is approved, Fish and Game will...

- Modernize hatcheries and increase production
- Conduct more population surveys; radio collar more deer and elk
- Spend more to improve and maintain public shooting ranges
- Improve website and communication with sportsmen
- Open more land to hunting, fishing and trapping
- Increase fish & wildlife predation management and control of noxious weeds

